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FINANCIAL REPORT NOW IN PRINT

Statement of Attorney General
Shows Status of G. W. U's.
Endowment Funds.

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IN ACCORDANCE with a resolution of Congress passed at its last session, and under a provision of the original charter of the University, the accountants of the Attorney General made a thorough examination of the financial condition of the University, including an examination of the status of the several endowment funds which have been left in trust to the University for specific educational purposes. The results of this examination, which was made during the past summer, have been embodied in a report of the Attorney General, recently submitted to Congress, and which has now been printed in documentary form. The first part of this document contains the report on the endowment funds, showing in detail the amounts that have been carried from these funds over to current expenses since the establishment of Columbian College in 1821. The second part of the document contains a summary statement of the status of the endowment funds, and in addition detailed accounts, by fiscal years, of the receipts, investments, and expenditures of the University in each of its departments from December 31, 1899, to the close of the last fiscal year, August 31, 1910, and a detailed statement of the salaries paid during the same period.

STATUS OF THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Perhaps the part of the report of most general interest to the student body and to the Alumni generally is the one which relates to the endowment funds. It is not possible here to give the accounts with any of the detail with which they are given in the report. Only the briefest summary can be given. It should be remembered in examining these figures that they represent the amounts that have been taken from the endowment funds and used for general university purposes since the foundation of the College in 1821, and do not represent exclusively the amounts that have been used in this manner only during recent years. It should also be remembered that all of these sums were expended for university purposes and were not misapplied in the sense that they were used for extra-university purposes.

The Attorney General's accounts show that since the foundation of the University the total amounts

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SUBSCRIBERS TO CONTROL

Proposed Changes in By-Laws of
"News" a Step Toward Democratic Management.

AT a meeting to be held in the near future the Board of Managers of THE NEWS will consider certain proposed fundamental changes in the by-laws of the corporation. THE NEWS is, as its readers doubtless know, an incorporated body, controlled by a Board of Managers, composed of members of the Faculty and student body. Under the by-laws now in force, this Board is practically self-perpetuating. Neither the student body generally nor the subscribers to THE NEWS have the slightest control in its management.

SUBSCRIBERS TO HAVE A VOTE.

Because of this fact, it is felt that the control of THE NEWS has gotten too far away from the students and that, on this account, they have ceased to take an active interest in its welfare. To remedy this defect certain changes in the by-laws have been proposed, whereby all subscribers who have paid their subscriptions shall be members of the corporation, and shall have a vote in the election of two students annually to membership on the Board. This change is a step towards democratic control and puts the control of the policy of THE NEWS in the hands of the student body generally, who, of course, must always bear the responsibility for its proper management.

The detailed plan which will be inaugurated by these changes will be seen by a perusal of the following proposed articles of the by-laws:

PROPOSED ARTICLES OF BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION I. All students or Alumni of the University who shall subscribe to the publication, THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NEWS, published by this corporation, and shall pay their subscription, shall, upon such payment and so long as the paid subscription shall continue, be members of this corporation. All persons shall be reckoned as Alumni who shall have been students at least one year in the University and shall not be students in the University.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION I. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a

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RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT

Held on Evening of Tuesday,
December 27, Under Charge
of Columbian Women.

THE Columbian Women of the University gave a large reception on Tuesday night, December 27th, at nine o'clock, in the College Buildings, 1536 and 1538 I street, in compliment to President Stockton. Invitations were issued to the officers of the government, administration and instruction of the University, and the members of their families, and to the student body generally. Accordingly there was a large gathering of persons present, representing the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and the student body.

The reception proper took place in the President's office. After meeting the President the guests passed into West Hall, where small social groups were formed, and refreshments served. Both rooms were tastefully decorated with Christmas greens, intermingled with University flags and fraternity pennants.

PRESENTATIONS BY MISS ROSS.

In the receiving line with President and Mrs. Stockton were Mrs. Henry B. F. Macfarland, Mrs. John B. Larner, Mrs. John Joy Edson, and Mrs. Theodore W. Noyes, all of whose husbands are members of the University Board of Trustees. The presentations to President Stockton were made by the President of the Columbian Women, Miss Grace Ross, assisted by the other officers, Mrs. C. E. Monroe, Miss M. A. Clancy, Miss Florence Frisby, Mrs. Edwin B. Behrend, Miss Anna A. Hazelton, and Miss Julia McCord. Others assisting were Mrs. Martin A. Knapp, Mrs. James Brown Scott, Mrs. M. M. Parker, Mrs. Wm. H. McKnew, and Mrs. S. J. Peele.

Mrs. George P. Merrill presided in the dining room, assisted by Mrs. Martin A. Knapp, Mrs. James Brown Scott, Mrs. M. M. Parker, Mrs. Wm. H. McKnew, Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Oscar A. Mechlin, Mrs. Paul Bartsch, Mrs. John Barber, Miss Elsie Turner, and Miss Adele Taylor. A committee from the Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, and Sigma Kappa fraternities, together with a committee

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PRELIMINARY PLANS MADE FOR MEET

Large Number of Entries for the
Annual Indoor Games Already Secured.

FEBRUARY 4th THE DATE

THERE is no longer any doubt as to the holding of the annual indoor games of this institution this year. All the necessary arrangements preliminary to the event have been made and matters have even gone so far that entries are beginning to come in. An attempt will be made to make this more than ever an intercollegiate and interscholastic affair. Three universities, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, have already made arrangements to enter, and it is very likely that the Carlisle Indians, Cornell, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Richmond College and a number of other nearby institutions will send in their entries.

GENERAL PLANS FOR MEET.

This meet bids fair to surpass by far any ever held by George Washington. Already the list of entries is better than that of last year. Mr. Keats is sparing no effort to give the public its money's worth. Every person present will be able to see the competition, and what is still more, the winners will be announced in such a fashion that there will be but one excuse for not knowing them, namely, defective vision. Many schemes have been tried in the past only to fail. The manager this year seems to have something original which will probably solve the problem.

MacDONAGH AN EARLY ENTRANT.

Among the early entrants is Martin MacDonagh, the holder of the South Atlantic record in 220 hurdles. Mr. MacDonagh has no peer in the hurdles in the South, and he has, in the 50 yard event, done a little better than the world's record. His first race was in the 600 yard novice race in the second George Washington Meet, when he won his race against a very clever field of runners. Last year, in our meet, he got third place in the 50 yard hurdles against Martin, the fast man from Virginia, who will be seen here again this winter.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR G. W. U. TEAM.

Although there have been as yet but few candidates who have presented themselves for our team, it is thought that a large number will come out as soon as the holiday season is over. The old "stand-bys," Flemming, Brady, and Maxson, are out working and will form a pretty good nucleus with those

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley to Speak

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley will address the University Chemical Society on Friday, February 10th, at 8 o'clock, in the Chemical Lecture Hall, Medical Building. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this eminent scientist and well known speaker. The time—February 10th at 8 p. m.; the place—Chemical Lecture Hall, Medical Building. You are invited.

who carried away the points in the interdepartment meet. Owing to his work as manager, Mr. Keats will be unable to don the track attire this year. The men are especially fortunate in having in the University such men as Carpenter, the Olympic champion, Gamble, lately captain of the Princeton Track Team, and Bar, the Harvard pole vaulter. These men have very kindly consented to act as coaches and will be able to bring out a good team if anyone can. All that is needed is a little more cooperation on the part of the students of the University.

Through the kindness of Mr. Calhoun, an old George Washington student, the best training quarters in this part of the city have been secured in a large store on New York avenue near the Masonic Temple. This place seems to be conveniently located for all and will, it is hoped, attract a large squad of men.

CONVENTION HALL SECURED.

The same hall has been secured for the games as has been used in previous years. A contract has been signed for the use of Convention Hall for the fourth of February, and all persons interested in the athletic welfare of the University will please hold this date open. Warning is being given a sufficient length of time previous for everyone.

WAYS OF HELPING MANAGEMENT.

The expense of the meet will be in the neighborhood of \$1,500. This means that the school must support the management if the affair is to be a financial success. One way of so doing is by consenting to keep one or two men for the night of February 4th, for instance. There are many men in the school to whom this would be no inconvenience. It merely means being hospitable to the guests of your College. Each out of town entrant must be put up by the Games Committee for one night at least. These out of town men will number approximately 100. If any student will be willing to do this much for his school, he should communicate with Mr. Keats as soon as possible. Each of the Fraternities will be called upon to take care of four or more men, and they too should get in touch with the manager.

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MONEY.

To help defray the costs of the enterprise, a souvenir programme is being prepared. This programme will, of course, be composed chiefly of advertisements, which must be secured by the men in the University. It is realized that an inducement must be offered to those who will undertake the work, and a commission is therefore given on each advertisement brought in. This is an excellent opportunity for you to earn a little money, and if you are desirous of doing so, you had best see Mr. Keats about the matter in the near future. Those who feel that they cannot aid in soliciting advertisements will help out a great deal if they will turn in to the management any of last year's programmes which they may have, which can be used as samples for the solicitors.

FEBRUARY FOURTH THE DATE SET.

Do not fail to remember that the fourth of February is the big date, and that the place is Convention Hall, where your almus pater is going to hold the biggest indoor event in its history.

IMPORTANT CHANGES AUTHORIZED.

IN HARMONY with the general spirit of reorganization which has swept over the whole University, a scheme is now being evolved for the control of all student clubs by a committee of the Faculty, responsible directly to the President. The details of this plan have not as yet been fully worked out, but as a result of this year's experience a unified system will undoubtedly be established whereby student organizations will be brought under close supervision.

As a step in this direction the President's Council, at its meeting on Friday, December the 19th, passed a resolution for the abolition of the Athletic Council and the Intercollegiate Debating Council, and providing for the assumption of the duties, which formerly devolved upon those two bodies, by the University Committee on Student Organizations. This is an advance toward centralization, but can scarcely be deemed so drastic as to be autocratic. It is hoped that by giving this central committee entire control of all student organizations instead of apportioning that control over a number of special committees, it will be much easier to conduct the several student activities, and these activities will themselves be more the effective for it.

The personnel of the Committee on Student Organizations was changed at this meeting and now includes the following: Prof. W. C. Ruediger, Chairman, and Profs. G. N. Henning and H. A. Mumma. This committee will, of course, have supervision only of organizations of University scope.

Certainly not the least important action taken by the President's Council was the recommendation that there be no football team next year. This is only the culmination of the athletic crisis which made the disbandment of the football team necessary, before the schedule had been completed. Whether there will be a team in the following year cannot yet be definitely stated, but it is safe to assume that unless there is a radical change in the amount of support the student body is willing to give a team, and an increase in the number of full day students who are interested in playing the game, no effort will be made at that time to put a team on the field.

VETERINARY NOTES.

DR. E. W. MILLER, of the class of 1911, was seriously attacked by formaldehyde fumes on December 9th, and applied to Dr. Kushner for professional service. Dr. Miller is again in good spirits, and feels somewhat disinfected.

Morcock, '12, has been seen in several classes recently.

How old is Ann? Ask Holt to look at her teeth.

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from the University Y. W. C. A., also assisted.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee on Arrangements, to whose careful planning the success of the affair was largely due, consisted of Mrs. George P. Merrill, Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Oscar A. Mechlin, Mrs. Paul Bartsch, Mrs. John Barber, Mrs. Frederick Edler, Mrs. Louise P. Hiss, Mrs. C. H. Price, Miss Elsie Turner, and Miss Adele Taylor.

PHARMACY NOTES.

WE ARE pleased to note that the recent operation upon Professor Waggaman was successful. The members of the class wish him a speedy recovery.

A New Year's resolution: Bone, bone, bone.

We note that several members of the Senior Class have a desire to reduce the amount of College furniture. Also that the freshmen like to use the News box as a football.

THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

The class banquet was held at Friends on December 28th. After introductory remarks by the vice-president of the class, acting as president, Professor Waggaman was announced toastmaster of the evening, and the proceedings of the evening were turned over to him. Addresses were delivered by Professors Waggaman, Kalusowski, Bradbury, Tewkesberry, and Tschiffely, on ancient and modern pharmacy. At the close of the banquet the class adjourned to the parlor of the banquet hall, and were entertained by musical selections rendered by Messrs. Deiter and Daly. The banquet was a great success both socially and financially.

POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES.

THE State Department has announced the result of the last Consular examination, from which it appears that only about one-third of the large class who took it, passed. Among the successful ones were Messrs. Poole and Palmer, who were in attendance at this College last year.

Dr. James B. Scott, of the Political Science faculty, was signally honored in being designated as one of the trustees of the \$10,000,000 fund presented in the cause of peace by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Dr. Scott, by the way, is president of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

Professor Osborne has postponed the date on which he intends to take his class to Philadelphia, to January 14.

One of the members of Professor Kern's class in General Economics was last week unceremoniously consigned to the Annanias Club by the Professor.

Even the professors have caught up the cry: "Anybody seen Kelly?"

CHEMICAL SOCIETY PERSONALS.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR spent Christmas with relatives in Delaware.

Messrs. Thatcher and Shuman spent the holidays in Pennsylvania.

Mr. P. S. Tucker visited Johns Hopkins on the Wednesday of the holidays.

Messrs. Ludholz, Thatcher, Tuckings, and Taylor, all prominent members of the society, are former students of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

President Taylor has just made arrangements with the Chemists' Club of New York, whereby members of the Society may file applications for positions with the employment bureau of that club, and suitable vacancies will be referred to such applicants.

MEDICAL SCHOOL NOTES.

AT a recent meeting of the Senior Class the designs of the class pins were submitted and the contract awarded to Dieges & Clust.

Some of the members of the Class have been displaying a good deal of wit recently. Sample: At a recent conference on the artistic ability of a piano player, who appeared at Chases and played the piano with his feet, Irmen broke out with this comment in a totally unconscious (?) manner, "A most remarkable feat"—joke.

The attendance slips which are now being used in the Medical Department are producing fine results. If a student is not marked present at each lecture or clinic it is his own fault.

Overheard in the class room:
Dr. French—"What makes gas blow up?"
Mr. B.—"Dynamite."

FRATERNITY NOTES.

ON THE evening of December 23rd the men of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity gave their Christmas dance at Mrs. Dyers. The usual attractive college decorations were in evidence. During the evening supper was served.

On Monday evening, December 19th, the Theta Delta Chi men gave a "house dance." It proved to be a jolly meeting of many of the old men.

On Tuesday, December 20th, Santa Claus remembered each of the S. A. E. men, producing many little presents from a very beautiful Christmas tree.

A most attractive party was given by Miss Katharine Alvord to her Chi Omega sisters and friends, on December 26th. The ball room of the Ontario was beautifully decorated with large flags that enveloped the whole room. Supper was served upstairs in the apartments of Col. Alvord. Many of the Alumni

of Chi Omega were in the city during the holidays, and they were all present at this most enjoyable Christmas gathering.

On the evening of the 30th of December the Theta Delta Chi fraternity gave its annual Christmas Ball at Rauchers. The ball room was decorated with pennants of all the different universities and a large Theta Delta Chi banner at one end of the hall. Dean and Mrs. Wilbur, Dean and Mrs. Hodgkins and Prof. and Mrs. Shoenfeld were the faculty representatives present on this occasion. The dancing was enjoyed by all.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and their friends gathered at the very attractive studio of Miss McNeil, on Connecticut avenue, and danced until twelve o'clock, when they all stopped to help the city greet the New Year with loud acclaim.

The Delta Tau Delta men gathered at their home on Seventeenth street to dance out the old year and welcome the new. Mrs. Parker chaperoned this pleasant gathering.

1911 was appropriately ushered in up at the S. A. E. house. The dancing was discontinued, and horns and confetti distributed among the guests, the latter being given to everybody in abundance. The house was decorated with Japanese lanterns and Christmas greens.

The Chi Omega Sorority held a New Year's reception on Monday, January 2nd, to which a large number of the University Faculty and students were invited.

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity has moved. The men have left their old house on Fourteenth street and are now located on Rhode Island avenue.

DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES.

MR. LEVIN, of the Senior Class, narrowly escaped a serious injury while coming to this city from Baltimore recently. A trolley car collided with the electric car upon which he was travelling. Mr. Levin was lucky enough to escape with some torn clothes, a torn text book, and a broken pair of glasses.

Dr. J. Winslow Taylor, Professor of Prosthetic Technics, has been kept from his work during the past two weeks by a supposedly temporary spell of partial blindness. We are glad to note some improvement in his condition.

Among those who spent the Christmas holidays at home are Messrs. Homer Wood, Harry Bingman, and John McCausland.

THE THURSDAY CHAPEL SERVICE.

ON Thursday, December 22nd, the Rev. J. J. Muir, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, addressed the students in Chapel. "The greatest need of the present day," he said, "is a sense of God. A sense of the reality that is unseen, a realization of the presence of God in the material as well as the spirit-

ual world. The development of the simple little 'Flower in the crannied wall,' brought to the mind of Tennyson the influence of God upon this one little blossom." In conclusion, he pointed out the fact—one which is often overlooked—that "Christmas is about God," and expressed the wish that at this particular season we might feel, as never before, "A sense of God." The attendance at this service was much better than usual.

UNIVERSITY BULLETIN PUBLISHED.

THE December Bulletin of the University has just been published and may be had upon application to the Secretary of the University, Mr. Cobb. It contains a short sketch of the President, Admiral Stockton, an article on the status of the University from the standpoint of both registration and finances, an account of the Fall Convocation, and reprints of the By-Laws and Educational Ordinance of the University.

The registration figures are those of November 28, and are as follows:

Graduate Studies.....	37
Arts and Sciences.....	243
Engineering.....	172
Teachers.....	85
Political Sciences.....	69
Law.....	324
Medicine.....	95
Dentistry.....	41
Pharmacy.....	77
Veterinary.....	64

Total..... 1,207

A NEW YEAR'S SONG.

Sing ye bells! Ring out ye Chimes!
Silver toned and brazen-tongued.
Sing the song of New Year times—
The bright brave times of life and hope.

Tell of dark days safely past
Perils, dangers, sorrows, pain;
They and the Old Year gone at last
For ever and ever, gone.

Sing of the peace from duty done—
Of finished tasks; good works complete,
Of the joy from labor well begun
And of pardon for all the rest.

To those who mourn let your measured peal
Carry the healing grace of time,
And the weary load of sorrow seal
With the peace of God, the good will of men.

Gladly ring! Right merrily sing!
Yours is a message of joy to earth.
Old Time is gone, New Year is King,
New Year, whose name is Hope.

Who knows what gifts New Year will bring?
Who knows what bliss he has for you?
The sea is full of the sails that wing
Their golden way to ports unknown.

Then ring ye Bells! Ding-dong, ding-dong,
For hope is here this New Year's time.
And all the world is full of song
To greet him, our Prince and Leader.

—EDITH B. LOWE.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1911.

IN THE hurly-burly of everyday life, it is often well to pause and consider the "whence" and the "whither." But the man who devotes too much of his time to a studied contemplation of these problems is pretty certain to come to a standstill.

THE ATHLETIC DEFICIT.

Among the many serious problems, with the solution of which the student body is confronted—and it must be admitted that such problems are just now rather numerous—perhaps the most serious one of all is the problem of how to pay off the athletic deficit. The outstanding liabilities of the Athletic Association in excess of assets total about \$1,400. A large part of this deficit was accumulated as a result of the disastrous football season just passed. A minor part of it has been carried over from previous years. Owing to the fact that the athletic accounts have been very poorly kept, if at all, it is impossible to present the student body with a detailed statement of the debts of the Association. But the total, as above stated, is substantially correct.

There is no legal liability on the part of the University or the student body to make good this deficit, but there certainly is a moral liability resting on the University and student body alike to see to it that this deficit is paid off. The football team has represented the University, with the approval of the University authorities and the acquiescence of the student body. The debts which it has incurred are, in good conscience, the debts of the University and the student body.

It is, of course, no disgrace to be in debt. Indeed there are some who go so far as to claim that indebtedness is one of the requisites for true progress. However that may be, it seems rather obvious that indebtedness plus an indifference toward paying one's debts is one of the cer-

tain milestones of retrogression. Up to the present time the student body generally has shown but little interest in the financial problem with which it is now confronted. We are glad to note, however, that President Stockton has taken the matter in hand, and proposes to devise some means whereby these debts may be paid. There are a number of ways of meeting the situation, for example, by soliciting subscriptions among the students, by giving a benefit performance at one of the local theaters, by giving a student minstrel show, etc. Suggestions will be welcomed. Let us all pull together and help pay off these debts which are a reflection upon the whole University and especially upon its student body.

CHERRY TREE STAFF APPOINTED.

PRACTICALLY the entire staff of the 1911 *Cherry Tree* has now been appointed. It is quite representative of the various departments of the University, and the various phases of student activity here. Of course, every class is represented by its individual editor. The executive board of editors is composed as follows: H. W. Hodgkins, editor-in-chief; D. L. Dutton, business manager; J. G. Lerch, assistant business manager, and fraternity editor; Miss Helen Summy, sororities; T. J. Stockton, art; Miss Dorothy Smallwood, assistant art; R. Hospital, clubs; K. Maxcey, athletics; E. O. Schreiber, Jr., news.

In the past the complaint about the student annual, which has been reiterated again and again, has been the conspicuous absence of jokes and cartoons. This year it is intended to devote thirty pages to this feature, provided a sufficient amount of material can be found. Up to date it has been a case of everyone saying, "Let's have jokes," and no one handing in any for publication. In order to get enough jokes to make their publication worth while, everyone must be on the lookout. Funny things that happen in class should be jotted down at once. It is intended also to have at the bottom of each page a one-line quotation about somebody connected with the University. If you know of any such quotations that apply to any of your friends, send them in or drop them in THE NEWS box. If you don't know any, get busy and fabricate some.

The *Cherry Tree* is the student annual of the whole University, and will be good or bad just in proportion to the amount of support the students generally give it. Everyone is urged to cooperate with the board of editors in every possible way. Suggestions of any kind are at all times more than welcome.

Have your picture taken immediately, in order not to delay the publication of the book. February 15th is the last day on which pictures may be taken, but all should be taken long before then. Get your ticket from your class editor at once.

Above all don't postpone subscribing to the *Cherry Tree*. The special \$2 cash offer will remain open until January 17th. By taking advantage of this offer you will save yourself money and facilitate the publication of the book. SUBSCRIBE NOW!

BOOKS OLD AND NEW

Eckermann's Conversations of Goethe.

ONE of the characteristic and significant things told of the late William James is that he was peculiarly fond of biography. Dr. Putnam, his life-long friend, speaks of this in a recent article in *The Atlantic*, saying that during the latter years of James' life such works formed his principal reading and he liked to recommend them to others. Somewhere in Beaconsfield's novels, one of the characters advises the reading of biography, adding that "biography is history without theory." Most of the essays of wise men on the choice of books have placed emphasis on the value of this kind of reading.

The best sort of biography, as a rule is autobiography and certain peculiarly frank and fearless works of this kind have a power to move us which is only second to the power of personal intercourse with a great teacher. But nothing can equal that. To hear the tones of the great man's voice, to see the flash of his eye, to feel the pressure of his hand—that is to feel his influence directly, and fortunate is the young man to whom such an experience comes. If the great man is one of the intellectual giants of all time—if he is Goethe—what more felicity could his pupil ask?

Such was the fortune of Peter John Eckermann, the son of a pedler, shrinking and sensitive in character, but strong in a certain obstinate craving for culture, to satisfy which he underwent much hardship and overcame many difficulties, until at length, having attracted Goethe's attention by some modest essays, he received the longed for opportunity to go to Weimar and meet the great poet face to face. This was early in the summer of 1823, and for the next nine years, until the time of Goethe's death, Eckermann remained in Weimar, employed in various literary tasks for Goethe, who seems to have taken an instant fancy to the shy and awkward young man. Eckermann repaid his patron with a passionate devotion, which was not so much an attach-

ment as an absolute absorption of his personality into Goethe's. The result was a book which is unique, or paralleled only by Boswell's *Life of Johnson*. Eckermann wrote down the account of his almost daily conversations with Goethe for many years, while they were fresh in his memory. He made himself the instrument of Goethe's mind so thoroughly that in reading his book one hardly sees the writer at all. He was quite free from Boswell's vanity and seems scarcely to have thought of himself in any respect apart from his master.

What did they talk about? It would be easier to tell what they did not talk about. There is little politics in the book—Goethe was not much interested in politics. Neither is there much religion. But outside these two fields, they were limited only by the bounds of the universe.

Art and letters, of course, came first. There is a great deal about Goethe's own works. Naturally it is most illuminating. There is also much about great men, Napoleon and Byron, Schiller and Frederick the Great, and the many other conspicuous personages of the time. And then, what profound truths about human nature! Here Goethe was at his greatest—as a critic of life. He had passed through every experience, had felt all that a man can feel, suffered and struggled and triumphed, and now, serene in self-knowledge, he was able to impart the fruits of his experience, so far as that is possible, to Eckermann, who in his turn imparts them to us.

Alas! that they should be so all but impossible to impart. The eighty years that have elapsed since Goethe's death have brought railways and telegraphs and the world is fast growing smaller. There is "progress" enough without, but little enough within us. We diminish by leaps and bounds the space between continents, but not by a hair's breadth the space between thought and action. The fatal infirmity of the will still remains, and we still cry out in grief and perplexity: "The thing I would not, that I do." That this chasm between willing and doing is passable, that harmony between the inner and outer life can be attained, if only by a few, is what Goethe teaches, and nowhere does he speak more clearly than in these conversations with Eckermann.

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Frank Baker, M.D., '80, is an anatomist of national reputation. For a number of years he was on the faculty of our Medical School as prosector 1879-83; assistant demonstrator of anatomy, 1880-83; lecturer on visceral anatomy, 1881-82. Since 1883 he has been professor of anatomy on the Faculty of the Georgetown Medical Department. He has been superintendent of the National Zoological Park since 1890. He is a member of the leading anatomical and anthropological societies, local and national, and has contributed anatomical articles to Wood's Handbook of the Medical Sciences, Standard Dictionary, and International Encyclopedia. Address: 1728 Columbia Road, Washington, D. C.

John B. Torbert, LL.B., '88; LL.M., '89, is a topographic and geologic draughtsman in the United States Geological Survey. He was admitted to the bar in 1889 but never was exclusively engaged in the practice of law. He is a member of the National Geographic Society, Anthropological Society, and the Geological Society of Washington. He was prominently identified with the eighth International Geological Congress. He has been a constant contributor of articles, maps, and drawings to the leading magazines and scientific publications, besides illustrating the works of others. Address: 111 C street S. E., Washington, D. C.

William S. Torbert, LL.B., '93, is a prominent local lawyer. He is the brother of John B. Torbert. He has practiced law in Washington since 1894. He is the author of the following: "Legal References, D. C."; "Comprehensive Index to the Code; Index Digest of District of Columbia Cases; Digest of Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Cases." In addition he has edited a number of legal works. Address: 435 Seventh street N. W.

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sociation. He has contributed articles on civil service and municipal reform to the leading publications of the country. Address: Bond Building, Washington, D. C.

Tallmadge A. Lambert, LL. B., '69, has been a member of the local bar since the time of his graduation from the Law School. He has been connected with the leading cases in the Supreme Court of the United States during the period of his active practice, among others the following: Wallach vs. Van Risswick, 92 U. S., 202; Mehaffy vs. San Antonio, 96 U. S., 312; Spofford vs. Kirk, 97 U. S., 484; Mattingly vs. D. C., 97 U. S., 687; Shoemaker et al. vs. U. S., 147 U. S., 282. Since 1893 he has been professor of civil law in the Georgetown Law School. He has contributed many poems, sonnets, translations, and essays to various periodicals. Address: 410 Fifth street N. W., Washington, D. C.

John B. Nichols, M.D., '91, is a prominent local physician. He is a lecturer on dietetics in the Medical School, pathologist to the Garfield and Episcopal hospitals, and attending physician to the Freedman's hospital. In addition he is the author of the following works: "Histology and Pathology (with Dr. F. P. Vale); Clinical Laboratory Methods; Numerical Proportions of Sexes at Birth; Diet in Typhoid Fever (Fisk Fund Prize)." Address: 1321 Rhode Island avenue N. W., Washington, D. C.

Clara Crew, A. B., '95, was married to Mr. Grosvenor Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio, on October 30, 1910. Mrs. Jones will be at home, 10329 Kempton avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, after January 1, 1911.

On December 9th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. White (Catherine McIlhenny, A. B., '04).

Mrs. Arthur Stivers (Anna Pierce, A. B., '93) has been making quite an extended visit with her mother in Hyattsville, Md. She returned to her home in Independence, Kansas, on December 17th.

Mrs. Bettys (Edith Giles, ex '06) has returned to her home in Rochester, after a short visit with her mother.

The following are the members of the Board of Trustees who have been added to the Board within the past year or so: Messrs. William W. Finley, Harry C. Davis, William J. Flather, William D. Hoover, Archibald Hopkins, Abram Lisner, Alpheus H. Snow, and Dr. Presley M. Rixey.

L. Cohen, LL.B., '06, was recently elected assistant district attorney for Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Mr. Cohen will always be remembered for his services on the debating team of 1905, which trounced a team representing Georgetown.

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which have been taken from the endowment funds and used to defray general current expenses is \$369,405.98. This total is made up of the following items:

Congressional professorship fund	\$63,872.93
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\$40,000 endowment fund	26,891.46
Elton professorship fund	10,133.19
Syms legacy	1,500.00
Withington scholarship fund ..	1,573.20
Walker scholarship fund	2,500.00
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Staughton & Elton prize fund ..	500.00
Ruggles prize fund	500.00
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Cutter prize fund	75.14
Walsh prize fund	126.58
Ordroneaux prize fund	932.00
Alumni hall fund	4,366.50
Corcoran endowment fund	175,204.01
Building site and enlargement fund ..	36,007.09
Eleanor J. Cooper	12.50
Total	\$369,405.98

TRUST SUBSCRIPTIONS CANCELLED.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, on October 17th, two resolutions were passed, providing for the cancellation of subscriptions to the building site and expansion and the Alumni hall funds, the total of which amounts to \$40,373.59. By this resolution the University is still liable for these funds, but instead of being liable to the endowment

funds to this extent, is now liable directly to the donors. It is not anticipated, however, that the givers of these funds will make any claim to them. The total due to the several endowment funds is therefore, upon the basis of the Attorney General's figures, reduced by these cancellations to \$329,032.39.

RESTORATION OF ENDOWMENTS.

The Board of Trustees has provided for the restoration of this amount by placing the Medical and Hospital buildings in trust for the payment of a ten-year note, payable to the Washington Loan and Trust Company, as fiscal agent of the University. The effect of this transaction is that the University pledges itself to raise \$350,000 within the next ten years to pay off these claims of the several endowment accounts, or in the event that it should be unable to raise this sum, the buildings placed in trust shall be sold and the proceeds used for this purpose. Inasmuch as these buildings are worth considerably more than the sum, as security for which they have been placed in trust, the restoration of the endowment funds is amply provided for.

For a time there seemed to be a good deal of doubt as to whether or not the Medical and Hospital properties were available for this purpose. It was thought that they were themselves trust properties, and could not, therefore, be pledged as security for the restoration of other trust property. The following habendum in the deed executed by W. W. Corcoran, Esq., on November 23, 1865, conveying these properties to Columbian College,

shows that they are available for general educational purposes:

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The unimpaired assets of the several endowment funds aggregate in toto approximately \$100,000. Hence upon the full restoration of these funds the University will have a productive endowment of about \$450,000.

COLLEGE DAYS OF YORE.

BY MR. W. H. SINGLETON, A. B.,
Class of '75, Member of the Board of Trustees
of the University.

THE silver poplars on College Hill still nod to one another as they did in the days of yore, but they whisper now of almost forgotten things. The old gray building is gone, and most of those who tenanted it are also gone. There linger but the memories of the past.

And yet the "drama returns as if by legerdemain." The old gray building once more rears its walls amid the poplars. On the old wooden porch is held the morning reception. The boys troop in from the city, the professors' quarters and Mount Pleasant. The jests go around, the welcome is made, and once more college days are with us. From the porch the boys pass quietly down the stairs into the basement and into the chapel. The chapter of the Bible is read, the prayer is said, and the boys disburse to their class rooms.

Professor Clark of the tall frame and blue eyes tries to teach the students how to cross the *pons asinorum* or seeks to explain the differences between the coordinates of the ellipse and the Lemniscate of Bernoulli. And may be Professor Shute has promised another medal and the class goes up to Anglo Saxon; or, if not, he tries to see what the students know about constitutional law or the history of their country. Or, perhaps it is the class room of Professor Fristoe, the little red brick building out amid the trees, where the students strive to learn the difference between chemical and mechanical compounds, and where the nostrils, fresh from the air outside, are frequently tingled by scents other than "the odours of Araby; the blest." Or, perhaps it is the class room of Professor Wilson, better known to the boys as "Billy" Wilson, who went from the halls of the college to the halls of legislature and to fame. Or may be Roger Cull insists upon the cognate accusative or the historical aorist. To the memory of some returns the tall, slender form of Dr. Sampson, one of the sweetest and gentlest of them all, whose erudition was only equaled by the refinement of his nature which, in the language of the students, prevented him from denying the boys anything. Indeed, the quip went round that one student said he was afraid to invite Dr. Sampson to imbibe, because the Doctor would not say "No," and it would be said that this student had lead the Doctor astray.

But the first and best of them all was Dr. Huntington. Of him

words would fail to the dreamer. Of all the members of the faculty of the olden times whose memories come back to us, there is none dearer or sweeter than that of Dr. Huntington, who would not take "No" for answer, but remembered it in the marks.

But one unhappy day the news came around that the old hill was to pass away from the College; that the powers that were had determined to sell the college property and move down into the city. Without any business judgment, but with prophetic instinct, the boys regretted that this change was to be made. It might be that more students would come in the post-graduate schools; it might be that even more students would come into the undergraduate school, but it was felt that should the College leave the hill, the College, with all that a college means, not merely its studies and its classes, but the college spirit, would pass away. The change was made, and time has shown that the college boys were right. The institution has grown, more students have come, more classes have been added, but the College as a college is only such to the old boys who were once gathered within its walls upon the hill.

Eheu! Postume, Postume, fugaces labuntur anni! No more the chariot wheels spurn the dust of the arena. College days are but a "dim remembered story of the old time entombed." The vision passes, Circe's goblet drops from the nerveless hand.

Dash down yon cup of Samian wine!

TEACHER'S COLLEGE NOTES.

SUPERINTENDENT STUART is keenly interested in the work his teachers are doing at Teachers College and elsewhere toward professional improvement. Soon after the opening of the schools he called for reports as to the summer work of the teachers and was greatly pleased with the result. The facts thus gathered show that eighty-one teachers took up studies in about twenty different universities at home and abroad. The most popular summer schools were Columbia, Virginia, Chicago, Cornell, Harvard and Pennsylvania, in the order named. Eleven teachers studied in foreign countries. It is worth noting that thirty-five of the teachers who did summer work were from the High School ranks. Does this lead us to believe that there exists a higher professional spirit among high school teachers than in the graded schools—a more pronounced *esprit de corps*? Or, should we infer that higher salaries make all this possible? Be that as it may, we have here an argument for higher salaries and also an argument in favor of teachers' pensions.

Miss Grace H. Kent is the author of an important monograph entitled "A Study of Association in Insanity," which has just been reprinted from the *American Journal of Insanity*. We are fortunate in having Miss Kent as our instructor in experimental psychology. The purpose of her course is to acquaint students with the methods used in psychological investigation.

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SECTION 3. On the twenty-second day of February of each year an election shall be held at such place and hour and in such manner as the Board of Managers may direct, at which two student managers shall be elected for a term of three years and thereupon a meeting of the Board of Managers shall be immediately held and the vacancy in the office of Faculty Manager filled by election of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 4. All vacancies in the Board arising between the annual elections shall be filled by election of the Board of Managers for the balance of the unexpired term.

THE LIKELIHOOD OF ADOPTION.

There seems to be little doubt that these changes will be approved by the Board at its meeting. Some doubt has been expressed as to the practicability of the new scheme. It is felt in some quarters that the student body generally is not sufficiently interested in the student paper to justify the placing of the control in its hands. But it seems to be the general sentiment of the members of the Board, that, nevertheless the proposed experiment is well worth trying.

GONE ARE THE GOLDEN DAYS!

WELL, there's no accounting for tastes.

Perhaps that sounds like an old truism. But it is not intended to be original. I know well that it antedates the era of stone hatchets. But, you see, it reminds me of something, quite *obiter dictum*, as the law books say. It is a story that I read in a newspaper some three years ago. After two or three years it would seem that a paper loses its exclusive right to a story, and it becomes the common property of all mankind and the theater programs. At any rate, it ought to. A Law School friend of mine told me the other day, with a gleeful expression, that debts are outlawed after three years, and I suppose that jokes are too. But here's the story.

A gentleman of some taste was trying to dissuade a friend of his from putting up in his house some atrocious wall decorations. He exhausted all his powers of tactful persuasion, but to no avail. Finally, he prepared to retreat gracefully, with the diplomatic "*De gustibus non disputandum*."

Immediately his little seven-year-old son piped up, "Oh, papa; I know what that means. It means that you mustn't dispute with people who ain't got no taste!"

I had this—that is, the truism—brought forcibly home to me the other day. I was in search of a cozy corner—not built for two—where I might do my psychology in peace. I hobbled down the long, narrow, tunnel-like corridor, revolving in my mind where the best place would be. A ghost-like figure rounded a corner and floated aimlessly toward me. I paused in startled affright. But on closer inspection the figure resolved itself into a broad expanse of newspaper, overtopped by a shining professorial bald head. The figure blundered on, and handicapped as I was, I could not avoid a collision. But instead of the usual polite apology I heard but a single muttered word, "Curses!" I stumbled away in flight, shocked and horrified. *Quantum mutatus!*

The Library next received me in my mad flight—a changed Library. Gone were the studious students of former days; gone were the stage-whispering groups of co-eds; instead, the seats were shrouded by tent-like sheets of printed paper, and the innocent whispered conferences once so audible were replaced by the rustling of paper, and low peals of sardonic laughter that was chilling to hear. A couple of times I thought I heard the terrible word that I heard the professor use, and I turned away.

"I didn't know THE NEWS was out today," I said to myself, "I must get a copy, and see what it is that is demoralizing our University, students and professors alike."

I met one of the staff around in the Engineering Building, likewise buried in his paper.

"I didn't get my copy," I began. He raised his eyes only for an instant.

"THE NEWS won't be out until next week, ha, ha!" and he seemed to take a malicious delight in imparting that intelligence.

I found refuge from my troubled thoughts in Jenny's presence. Under her soothing influence I spent the greater part of the next hour in cheerful converse. Finally, however, the conversation lagged, and Jenny, stifling a slight yawn, looked around. Espying a paper, she suddenly brightened up.

"I thought I had forgotten something," she said with a little laugh, as she started to pick it up.

"Jenny," I said with a wild gleam in my eye, "you and I are the best of friends, and this psychology book is heavy, but as surely as you lay one finger on that paper I'll let fly. I was just congratulating myself that there was one other person in the University who had not taken leave of her senses—"

Jenny stared at me, round-eyed. "Why, I just wanted to see what Desperate Desmond was doing this evening. I never miss him if I can help it. What's the matter, dear? Aren't you feeling well?"

"Foiled again!" I exclaimed, and I burst into a fit of hysterical laughter that to my distracted ears had something mocking and sardonic, like Desmond's "Ha! Ha!"

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LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

DEAN LORENZEN spent the holidays with friends in New York City. While there, he saw Prof. E. S. Thurston, formerly of our Law School and now of the Illinois Law School. The Dean also took a trip to New Haven to visit former Dean Vance.

The Law Library was the busiest part of the whole University during the holidays. The Moot Court practitioners were searching out the authorities on difficult questions of law.

Prof. H. A. Mumma spent the holidays with relatives in Dayton, Ohio. Professor Mumma has just been made a representative of the

Law School on the President's Council.

The Law Library has been presented with more than \$100 worth of books, covering a wide range of subjects, through the kindness of Mr. W. H. Moses, a member of the First Year Class. Mr. Moses is a member of the local firm of W. B. Moses & Son. Gifts of this sort are very greatly appreciated by the University, and particularly so when they come from one of the students.

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